

REGIONALIZATION WORKING GROUP
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CONFERENCE CALL
KIRK MILLER, PRESIDING

Participating: Kirk Miller, Kris Goss, Madalyn Quinlan, Steve Meloy, Erik Burke, Brian Talbott, Ron Laferriere, Cathy Day

1. Results of the survey
 - 31 responses with multiple responses.
 - 9 categorized as Instructional Services, 6 staff development & curriculum, the rest are general office and management support.
 - Schools are grouping together for new things like data warehousing.
2. Map of Montana with the boundaries of all MASS Regions, CSPD Regions, Special Ed Coops, and Curriculum Coops so that commonalities can be examined
 - CSPD Regions include the entire boundaries of special education cooperatives.
 - Potential boundaries and reasons for their establishment. Madalyn, Erik, Suzan Bailey-Anderson, (Dick Treise)
 - More work will be done.
3. Categorize the survey results and Service Needs list into the 3 categories in the research document "Educational Service Agencies: Initiating, Sustaining, and Advancing School Improvement"
 - ◆ Has been completed a new copy of the survey results will be distributed at the full commission meeting.
4. Selecting Peer States -- Brian Talbott
 - Possible video conferencing with Arizona, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and maybe Ohio. Kris to set up Vision Net conference with selected states.
 - 4-5 minutes for each state to give overview.
 - Montana will ask questions.
 - Erik Burke requested to see if there is a composite data base that shows the different states and the issues of delivery model. Brian will check but doesn't think so.
 - Newest phase is to establish the ESD as a nonprofit organization (501 (c) 3).
 - May be easier for Montana because of lack of currently operating structures.

- South Dakota is going forward with 8 regions of full service cooperatives.
- Most are legislatively established.
- Ron stated that cost efficiency is important to our legislature so we need the research on demonstrating that this movement is cost efficient. Brian has some examples of studies that have been done and this.

5. Further Discussion of Funding and Delivery Models

- Start up funding (Madalyn, Linda P.) - Title II Part A and Title V -- \$50,000 (state funds). Hire someone to work on this concept. Bring people together to get input and develop direction.
- Brian - Federal grants that can be drawn from for start up money. Brian will check and see for us about discretionary money from Secretary of Education.

Need List

- See attached sheet.

6. Discussion of Daft Recommendations

- See Attached Sheet

7. Next Steps

- Video Conference Set in the 1st part of June (1,2,3) – Kris and Brian
- Questions to be asked generated by the group. - Kris and Brian
- Statements prepared for review - Kris
- Sub committee to look at recommendation for potential regional boundaries - Madalyn